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Aruba Sportsmen Leave For Mexico

The Aruba members who will form part of the Antillean athletes and delegates at the Pan American Olympic games in Mexico, which will officially open today, were given a gala send-off last Wednesday night at the Dakota Airport by hundreds of well wishers from the Aruba sports community. In high spirits, the boys were seen off by their relatives, many friends and team representatives.

Dressed in attractive suits furnished by the ASU/ABBA, the Aruban baseballers, footballers and weightlifters took off at 8.20 p.m. in a KLM chartered plane for Curacao to meet the rest of the Antillean team, i.e. their Curacao brothers. With a total of eighty-six athletes, including delegates and representatives of the press, they left the Curacao Airport by PAA chartered plane at 12.30 a.m. for Mexico. It was estimated they would arrive in the country of "rancheros" by 8.30 to 9.00 o'clock in the morning.

From Mr. Mario Nunez, who will be the official ABBA Delegate in Mexico, it was learned that Roy Harms (who dislocated



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Mr. and Mrs. Abrahams-Arrias who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a gala party at Dancing Lido last week. (Story on page 3).

his ankle in practice last Saturday) has been ordered by the doctor to stay in bed for 2 weeks, so naturally could not go. It is unfortunate that no one else could be substituted for him, as the deadline was February 15th latest.

Representing the A.S.U. as delegates are Messers. Johnny Oduber and Edwin de Cuba, Secretary. Mr. Nunez gave the following names of the baseball players who will represent the Antilles: Pitchers: J. Baptist, W. Peters, D. Panthophlet and C. Lejeuz (Aruba); "Chiquitin" Gorigorio and Freddy Inesia (Curacao). Lejeuz and Inesia are south-paws.

In/outfielders: Don Juan Perez (Player/Coach), J. Patterson, F. Terero, S. Bryan, R. Hodge, G. Richardson, O. Marlin, J. Bryson, B. Hoftijzer and A. Lake (Aruba); Th. Wilson (Cur.) making a total of 17 players.

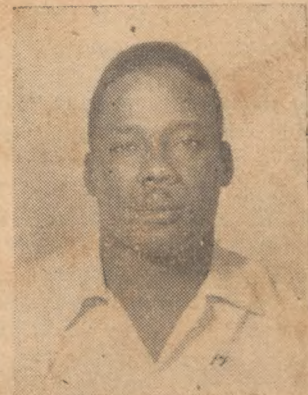
J. "Ponce" Diddler is the manager.

The team expects to be back in the Antilles on March the 29th.

In an interview with "Ponce" Diddler, Manager, he told "The Local" he feels the boys will do all right if none gets sick. Asked how he felt about his "last moment" pick as manager, he replied that he did not feel so good about it. However, he was glad that he was going and was also fully

Lago Employee Dies Suddenly At Medical Center

The death occurred suddenly on Thursday night last week at the Lago Medical Center of Mr. Ricardo Hazel of the Company's



Welding Department. The deceased was the son of Mr. Richard Hazel, well-known butcher of San Nicolas and local preacher of the Methodist Church. He was 30 years old.

"The Local" had an interview with the wife of the deceased and with Mr. H. G. Violenus of the Company's Instrument Department. (Mr. Violenus was a close friend of Hazel and was with him at the Medical Center when he died.)

Mr. Violenus said that Hazel had spent the day serving with the Referendum that was being conducted at the time. He reported at the L.E.C. Headquarters around 6 p.m. and left shortly after.

Mrs. Hazel said her husband reached home at Rooi Hundo a little after six, and went to lie down for a rest. He awoke a little after 8 p.m. and took his supper

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colleague Maurice Neme, who will cover the games for Aruba along with Siro Pietersz (who left a day or two earlier).

So far four football and five baseball teams have registered. For football are: Mexico, Venezuela, Argentine and the Antilles. Participants in baseball are: Mexico, Antilles, U. S. A., Sto. Domingo and Venezuela. The baseball competition will go 2 rounds Venezuela-Sto. Domingo will open the series, and Aruba meets Venezuela Monday. All baseball games will be played in the day.



aware of the responsibilities placed on his shoulders. He also realized that this was the way open to possible future trips as manager or coach, so he is all out to try and do his best.

All the boys were enthusiastic about the long trip ahead of them and seeing Mexico, of which they heard so much. Only when they had to board the plane could you see some sad faces with tears. Pictures of the group were made under the wing of an airplane which departed 10 minutes ahead of the one they left with.

A total of 7 weightlifters departed for Mexico, of which 5 were from Curacao and 2 (R. van Putten and Pemberton) of Aruba. Among the Aruba footballers who will join their partners of Curacao, we saw Raymundo Kemp, Chia Brion, Franny Tromp and La Rosa. Julio Jansen left earlier in the afternoon.

Also boarding the plane was our

Letters To The Editor

(Not the responsibility of the Ed)

To the Editor of the "LOCAL"
San Nicolas
Aruba

Dear Mr. Editor:

Please allow me a small space in your popular paper for the following article in connection with an article of your Sport Reporter in your last issue of March 5th '55.

Mr. Reporter you start your article by saying that the very unpopular team going to the PAN-AMERICAN GAMES in Mexico, is an N.A.B.L.O. - ASU - PROTERRA selection.

I very much regret having to say that this is a very ridiculous expression, which is everything but the truth.

The baseball selection has been made by the A.B.B.A. board members, during a meeting at my home in the presence of Mr. Nunez, acting president of the ABBA, Mr. J. La Cruz, treasurer of the A.B.B.A., Mr. Marchena, board member of the A.B.B.A. and myself, secretary of the A.B.B.A.

The well known and popular player, Mr. Don Juan Perez, was also present upon a special request of the A.B.B.A.

Mr. Reporter you have made 6 childish questions and without giving a chance to receive reply on same you think that your questions are "lack of answers", however, I would like to give you the corresponding answers.

1. The A.B.B.A. really represents the Antilles in the F.I.B.A., that does not mean that the team formed by the A.B.B.A. should be exclusively made from local players. The A.B.B.A. can always make a selection with players from Aruba, Curacao or any other island of the Antilles, whenever possible and necessary. Besides the PANAMERICAN GAMES are not under the jurisdiction of the F.I.B.A.

2. Mr. PROTERRA was chosen as manager in view of his capacity. I can tell you Mr. PROTERRA knows much more about baseball than you or the person who gave you the wrong information. Mr. PROTERRA does not know what is favoritism and furthermore he has proved to be very strict with the ball players, which makes him get "more discipline" out of them.

Do you remember the behaviour of our players during the World Series at Havana? Do you remember what happened in Caracas during the World Series? Don't you know of any baseball teams in Venezuela, Cuba, Mexico etc., that have managers, who DO NOT represent any teams or sport locally?

3 The players have been selected according to their capacity and behaviour. Now about ROY HARMS. However before giving you my opinion, I would like to ask just two little questions.

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as ball player, which makes him one of our best pitchers in the Antilles.

Furthermore ROY HARMS has experience of 2 World Series (Cuba & Venezuela), various international matches and has good conduct.

Won't you agree with me that ROY HARMS has been duly selected?

4. My dear Reporter, they sure put you in a jam with all these wrong information. Mr. "Ponce" DIDDLE has been selected as trainer and will go to Mexico as trainer and coach.

5. What do you mean with "a fuss about Don Juan Perez"?

There has never been and there is no question about his eligibility, you can ask him if you want to!!! Don Juan Perez is going to Mexico and has been chosen CAPTAIN of the selection.

6. Don't you know that the A. B.B.A. has more national board members?

Why do you give preference to a certain national board member?

At the beginning the undersigned was honored with an invitation to go to Mexico as representative of the baseball selection of the Antilles. The undersigned was chosen as board member of the A.S.U. (representative of the A.B.B.A. in the A.S.U. and NOT as board member of the A. B.B.A.

As it was not possible for the undersigned to make the trip, the A. S. U. then requested Mr. Zepp Oduber (also representative of the A.B.B.A. in the A.S.U.) to accept the invitation, however, Mr. Oduber could not make it

either, reason why the A.S.U. thought it better to invite Mr. Nuñez, acting president of the A. B.B.A.

Do you know Mr. Nuñez? Don't you think he is the hardest worker in the actual A.B.B.A. board?

Who is the only board member of the A.B.B.A. you can always see at the Lago Sport Park during the training days of the selection, even before he was appointed to go to Mexico, isn't this Mr. Nuñez?

Mr. Reporter, I can assure you that the selection has been made in the most democratic way.

Talking about RESULT, I think the result you might get out of the contents of your article is that if you continue to give wrong information, NOBODY will ever read them.

Now just a little advice.

The best thing you can do now is to find out the truth about the whole story and inform your readers that your article was based upon wrong and unsportsmanlike information, which you did not know!!

Thanking you beforehand for the space granted to me and for your kind cooperation, I beg to remain,

TICO KUIPERI,
Secretary A.B.B.A.

We are unable to reply to the above letter in this issue, due to lack of space.

A reply will appear in our next issue.

Another letter on the same topic signed "Non-National" also reached our desk, but was unfortunately left out due to lack of space. — Ed.

LAGO EMPLOYEE DIES SUDDENLY AT MEDICAL CENTER

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of bacon and eggs. Very soon after he complained of a severe pain in his stomach. He vomited a little and had cold sweats.

Mrs. Hazel went to the home of Mr. Violenus and told him Ricardo had taken ill. Violenus and another friend, George Labega went at once to Hazel's home, found him still in pain, and decided to take him to the Medical Center. Violenus drove Hazel's car, and as they reached the Rainbo Bakery Hazel said he was feeling better and suggested they turn back. The other two thought it better he continue to the Center for medical attention. This was about 10 pm.

At the Center, said Violenus, they met a male nurse on duty. The nurse gave him a sedative to drink, put him to lie down and told him the doctor would arrive shortly. About five minutes later Violenus said he heard what sounded like two groans from Hazel and the nurse rushed to him with a stethoscope. The doctor arrived soon after, and after spending a short time with the patient broke the news to Violenus and Labega that Hazel was dead.

In reply to an inquiry from "The Local" as to the cause of death Dr. Carrel, Head of Lago's Medical Department, stated that under Dutch law such information cannot be made public, but that death was from a natural cause, which is not at all uncommon and which frequently leads to sudden death.

There is no way of knowing that the condition is existing, as it does not reveal itself in medical examination. First symptom is the attack, which is very often sudden and fatal; sometimes the attack is less severe and the patient may recover.

The deceased, who was born in Santo Domingo of Dutch parentage, came to Aruba in 1938. He served in the local Army during the last war, and was employed with the Lago for the past six years. He was married in 1953, and leaves a young widow and a year-old daughter.

To them and other relatives "The Local" tenders sincere condolence.

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DEPUTY J. GEERMAN RESIGNS

In a recently held meeting of the Island Council it was announced that deputy J. Geerman, who is also a member of the Legislative Council of the Netherlands Antilles, has resigned as a deputy. According to a regulation the function of deputy is not compatible with that of member of the L. C.

DENTAL CLINIC ON WHEELS SOON TO VISIT SCHOOLS

The dental clinic on wheels will soon swing into operation. It is likely that the clinic will be staffed by dentists J. E. M. Arends and G. A. Oduber.

"BALI" ARUBA'S FLOATING RESTAURANT

For quite a long time one could see a house boat opposite Dr. Oduber's residence in Oranjestad.

This houseboat "De Hoop" will be rebuilt into a floating restaurant and be towed opposite the statue of Boy Ecury, giving Aruba something new in the West Indies.

This floating restaurant "Bali" will be managed by Mr. W. A. Strijland who for quite a long time has been in the former Dutch East Indies (Indonesia) in the restaurant business.

The main dishes which will be served are Javanese like bambi, Nassi-goreng, roetjak etc., in which the manager is a specialist. Though "Bali" will not be able to be a rendez-vous of a big company, it is expected that tourists will frequent this floating restaurant, a reason why the government intends to give the necessary co-operation.

The Local wishes Mr. Strijland success in this new line of business.

MR. & MRS. A. J. ABRAHAMS - ARIAS (PAPA & MAMA)

CELEBRATE 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A grand reception was held last Thursday night in Dancing Lido in San Nicolas to celebrate the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Abrahams - Arrias, better known as Papa & Mama.

Hundreds filled the Lido to congratulate Papa & Mama on this important milestone in their matrimony.

The hall looked like a garden and the guests very much enjoyed the drinks and tasty cakes, which were served.

Papa's brother Harry living in Chicago, U.S.A., came over for the occasion, accompanied by his American born wife. Mrs. Edith Pinkus, a daughter living in Caracas, was also present to celebrate this memorable event.

Mr. & Mrs. Abrahams, who are from Surinam, had 4 children from the marriage; a daughter died while the others Jules, Friede (now Mrs Adolf Groder), and Edith (Mrs. Pinkus), came to Aruba 16 years ago.

Through hard work, perseverance and craftsmanship Papa succeeded, with the aid of Mama, in starting a bakery and lunchroom in San Nicolas, known as "Papa's Cakeshop".

Papa & Mama who have already



FINDS WIFE IS HIS SISTER — British police have ordered a full investigation into the claims of two young orphans in Hereford, England, that they were married and learned they were brother and sister only after the birth of their second child. The story was told by Marjorie Hughes, 24, who separated five months ago from her husband-brother, Geoffrey Hughes. The couple are shown above with one of their children, Robert, 3, prior to their separation.

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"OLD TIMER" GEORGE VERSCHUUR AND FAMILY LEAVE FOR VENEZUELA

"OLD TIMER" George Verschuur and family left by the s.s. "Adonis" to take up residence in Venezuela last week Thursday.

Surinam born, wellknown George came to Aruba in 1926 and was first employed by the dredging Company and later transferred to the Lago's dry dock, and for the last 25 years worked on the tow-boat "Delaplane" now sold to an oil company in Trinidad.

George gained great popularity among his countrymen and fellow-employees, and his house in Lago Heights was a rendezvous for his many friends and all those looking for help.

George will be greatly missed and his departure will leave a great breach which will be hard to fill.

On the other hand residents of Aruba visiting Venezuela are sure to find a home in George's place, enjoying the same hospitality they found in Aruba.

"The Local" joins in wishing George and his family success in their new country.

passed 65 are still in good health and appear headed for their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

"The Local" takes pleasure in extending congratulations and best wishes to this wellknown couple.

Thought for the Week

THE BEST OF MANNERS

Christians should have the best of manners. Their genuine love for God and man prompts their gentle, courteous and kind behavior. As Christians they are ambassadors for God and Christ and thus hold the highest station there is in life. This should be reason enough to stimulate them to proper courtesy. But it has pleased God to make of them "a theatrical spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men." He has put them on exhibition. Therefore, their lives, with their every action, are under constant observation and criticism. They are living examples to the honor or dishonor of God.

Jesus was the perfect gentleman. Not once did he err in his manners. He practiced perfectly the divine rule of 'do to others as you would have them do to you.' Those who watched Him, listened to Him, heard His words of wisdom, and saw His mighty acts and graceful manner were filled with astonishment. His good manners did not come from rules laid down in etiquette books written by men, but sprang from a sincere heart and by his cultivating and putting into practice from youth the righteous principles of Almighty God, especially His law of love. - Matthew 13:54-56.

Good manners find their roots in the love of God and the love of man. They cost nothing and are worth everything. Manners, strangely enough, are oftentimes timely words fitly spoken. To say the right thing at the proper moment is an art. It must be natural, from the heart, to be beautiful. It must be spontaneous and sincere if it is to be accepted. Otherwise, it will sound flat, insincere, and it will most likely be considered flattery, which is an insult and not a compliment.

"A beautiful behavior is better than a beautiful form; it gives a

higher pleasure than statues and pictures; it is the finest of fine arts." Just as it is possible to be wise without possessing the wisdom of this world, so, too, it is quite possible to be well mannered with little or no knowledge of those rules and forms of worldly books on etiquette, which are at best only a substitute for common sense. Rules of etiquette may change like fashions and are different in almost every nation, yet good manners are the same throughout the world.

Vanity, a sour disposition, a longing for sympathy, and a want of good common sense are the chief sources from which bad manners spring. Vain people want others to think highly of them, yet they seldom think of others. Their thoughts are always on themselves. Vanity leads to self-consciousness. To be thoughtful of others, to give attention to their feelings, is the essence of politeness. But an ill-mannered person is often loud, boastful and proud in the praises of himself and his family. Also, ill-mannered is he who boasts of his achievements in business, looks down upon people who are less fortunate than he, and, as a rule, cannot refrain from having his joke at the expense of another's reputation.

Some think themselves so well-born, so clever, or so rich, as to be above caring what others say and think of them. They take their position as a license for rudeness. They are an insult to themselves and those who associate with them. There are others who show contempt for their neighbors in various impolite ways: for example, by not being properly dressed in their presence, by not being clean in body and mind, or by indulging in repulsive habits. Paul warns Christians not to associate with such, because "bad associations spoil useful habits."


A well-mannered man is courteous to all kinds of men and under all conditions. He is respectful to his "inferiors" (children, mentally ill, less fortunate, etc.), as well as to his equals (his brothers) and those he regards as his "superiors" (servants in special capacity, rulers, kings and governors). His good manners are not reserved for the few who can pay for them, or who make themselves feared. Like the warm summer sun his kindness and courtesy are for all alike.

Knowing the importance of good manners, the apostle Paul reminds Christians: "Only behave in a manner worthy of the good

news about the Christ"; "doing nothing out of contentiousness or out of egotism, but with lowliness of mind considering that the others are superior to you, keeping an eye, not in personal interest upon just your own matters but also in personal interest upon those of the others." Peter tells why Christians must so behave: "Maintain your conduct right among the nations, that, in the thing in which they are speaking against you as evildoers, they may as a result of your right works of which they are eyewitnesses glorify God in the day for His inspection."

This proper behavior is, in essence, good manners. It is the art of knowing how to live with one another in peace. It is that politeness that stems from a love of God and neighbor.

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—SPORT—
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**RUBEN PHILLIPS BEATS
ANTILLEAN SELECTION 2-1**

Last Saturday the Antillean Selection for the Mexico games engaged Ruben Phillips team (The Rest) on the Lago Sport Park. The selection was defeated by the narrow margin of 2-1 in nine innings of play.

This match which was an experiment, to see how the Antillean team would do against stiff pitching, was a success as far as that is concerned, for, surprisingly enough, they collected no less than six hits against Ruben.

This was a marked improvement over their last performance against the weak pitching of the Curacao Selection, and their trainers (Messrs. J. R. Proterra and Diddler) should be commended. But this improvement was somewhat neutralized by the fact that the Selection committed seven fumbles against the weak batting of the "Rest", and therefore was not quite appreciated by the fans.

It could be that the boys were a little too nervous. It was expressed openly by many of the players that they didn't like playing so close to the date scheduled for departure to the games. As it developed later, it looks like their fear was not unfounded, for it wasn't long after the game got under way before two players got struck by pitches while Juan Perez narrowly escaped injury when he ran into the backstop while chasing a foul-fly. In the bottom of the ninth with one out, Roy Harms (batting for Bryan) connected for a beautiful single. While attempting to steal second base, Roy's spikes dug into the ground as he was sliding into second, causing him to dislocate his right ankle. This unfortunate accident not only rob Roy of the opportunity of travelling with the team, but it also means that the Antillean selection will be short of one player since it is too late to replace him.

Ruben's "overweight" boys did a very good job - considering the fact that most of them were out of condition. They managed to score two runs on 4 hits and committed only 3 errors compared to the Selection's 1 run (which was scored on a wild pitch) off six hits.

**NEL HARMS TO MANAGE
THE ANTILLEAN BASEBALL
SELECTION**

"PROTERRA UNABLE TO GO"

It was announced last weekend that Mr. Joe Proterra could not get the necessary time off from Lago to attend the Mexican games with the Antillean Selection.

Simultaneously Nel Harms and Ponce Diddler were appointed as Manager and Coach, respectively.

Nel and Ponce have had considerable experience in managing various teams on the Island, and it is believed that with the co-operation of the players, they are quite capable of representing the Antilles.

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"Lightweight elimination to start March 25th"

It is now confirmed that "Sugar Boy Nando" of Aruba and "Little Dinamite" of Curacao will go to battle for the "Middleweight" (not Welterweight) Title of the Netherlands Antilles.

Due to the fact that Nando is off the Island and is not due back till the 17th of March, this fight, which was originally planned for March 25th had to be delayed. It is expected that "Nando" will need that much time to get in shape for this fight, therefore the date has been set as April 15th.

Sugar Boy's record so far as a professional fighter is 17 victories (8 by K.O.) 4 defeats and 1 draw. While as an amateur he won seven and lost only 1 fight. Little Dinamite has 9 victories (7 by K.O.) to his credit, and lost 2 and drew 2.

In the meantime the Aruba Boxing Association has plans in progress for a series of Lightweight elimination matches. These matches, which will start on March 25th, will be for the purpose of arriving at Aruba's best lightweight, with the idea of staging a fight between Aruba's best against Curacao's best for the Lightweight title of the Antilles.

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I'd like you to understand clearly that I have no intention of leaving you with an impression either of pessimism at our future outlook, or of optimism. This is intended to be a serious and realistic appraisal of a few of the problems we face, looked at neither "through a glass, darkly," nor through rose-tinted glasses. The problems are there -- we recognize the full weight of their challenge -- and we intend to meet the challenge squarely, keeping Lago healthy and at the same time helping to keep Aruba healthy.

To begin with, I'd like to talk about our competitive position, which is a "live or die" factor. We can have the best employees and the best stills and make the best oil and have the best ships to deliver it in -- but if we can't find people willing to buy the oil -- that is, to buy it at prices giving us enough profit to keep all those things "the best" -- then we're out of business.

That isn't especially unique with us, of course. It is the nature of almost any business that you must have something people want and you have to sell it at prices such that while your competitors get some of the business, you yourself get a big enough share so you can continue to pay wages and the rent.

What is noteworthy about the situation, however, is that competition for the petroleum market has become more intense than at any time in the nine years since World War II, and we expect it to become still more intense.

NEW REFINERIES


I believe you are all aware, from seeing the map in our tour folder, of the way in which Lago's products spread out across both hemispheres in a globe-circling network. Looking now at the list of countries that have traditionally been our customers as long as there has been a "Lago," we find a startling fact..... that new refining capacity -- competing refining capacity -- has either recently been completed or is now being built in Canada, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil,



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This new and growing competition has an extra factor of significance for Aruba. Not only is this mushroom growth of new refineries adding more intense competition in volume, but most of them

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steadily gone down like a series of steps, and will continue to decrease. So it is not only our business that they are cutting in on, but also the most valuable portion of our business. And in many cases they are competing with "loaded dice." Many are "national" refineries, owned by the government itself, partly as a matter of national pride and partly to conserve foreign currency by buying less oil from outsiders like us. The result, of course, is that running a profitable operation, as private industry knows it, is of only minor concern to them and increases the stiffness of their competition.

A few figures will serve to illustrate the scope of the problem. Europe as a whole had refinery runs of 200,000 barrels a day only nine years ago; by 1954 its refinery runs have zoomed up to 1,800,000 barrels a day, a tremendous increase. Europe used to be one of our best customers. In 1947 more than a third -- 34 per cent -- of our products went to Europe; by 1950 this had declined to 22 per cent, and by 1954 had nose-dived still further to 12 per cent. Europe, with its long tradition of industry, was out ahead of many other areas in expanding its petroleum-refining facilities, but now others in the list I just named that were wide-open markets before, like India, South Africa, and the major South American countries, are also moving in the same direction with the newest and most efficient equipment. Bear in mind that most of what I have been talking about is new construction in areas that before had little or no refining industry -- and does not take into account the steady expansion in areas that already had refineries.

WHAT THEN?

At this point I can almost hear you thinking: "In the face of all this how do you expect to keep operating? What is going to happen to your throughput? Aren't you "crying doom" after all?"

No. The picture has dark areas, but it is not all black. One part of the answer is that Lago has good equipment, much of it built when construction costs were much lower than they are today; it has good employees, strongly interest-

ed in operating the equipment efficiently, with an eye open always to cost consciousness and to safety; it is part of a great company that is strong and progressive.

Another part of the answer is the steady increase in the world's need for oil since World War II. In 1946 the world (excluding Russia and its satellites) consumed 7,100,000 barrels of oil per day. In 1953, world consumption was 12,500,000 barrels per day, an increase of about 75 per cent. A way of stating this is that about one-and-a-half Lago refineries were added each year to cover the demand. Another fact from which we can take some encouragement is that, even after rapid gains in some areas, oil consumption in most countries outside the USA is still very low. For example, in 1952 each person in the United States used, on the average, 17 barrels of oil. But the average for all other nations was only ONE barrel per person in a year. Even an industrial country like the United Kingdom used only three barrels per person, while India, with 400,000,000 people, consumed less than one-tenth of a barrel per capita.

These facts -- the increase in demand and the potential future demand -- give some encouragement but are certainly no guarantees of prosperity. The oil business grew fast after the war, and new refining capacity grew fast right along with it -- in fact, outgrew it -- until today in the free world there is nearly 2,000,000 barrels per day of refining equipment that is spare capacity -- that is, built but not needed or used to meet today's demand. And this extra capacity, a threat of potentially more competition, continues to increase.

Still further preventing the increase in demand from being a guarantee of prosperity is the dislocation, the shift, of supply points. Europe's need for oil, as I mentioned, has risen astronomically, but so has its ability to produce for itself, shutting us steadily further out of that valuable market.

So far we have been successful in meeting the competition, and the look-aheads that can be made by our marketing people and statisticians seem to indicate that, while we will have increasing trouble selling our higher priced gasoline, our throughput for the next few years is likely to stay well up near the level it has held for the past few years. What the hard facts I have related in the last five minutes mean is simply that we are becoming a steadily smaller factor in the world oil market -- that our business is less assured -- that we will be depending more and more on spot or emergency business, the temporary failure of a national refining operation or the landing of a particular batch of business that for some reason no one else wants or can supply as readily as we can.

What those facts mean also is that our crude runs will swing even more wildly than they have in the past -- this year, for example, from runs of 492,000 barrels per day in January to mid-year runs that are expected to be as low as 320,000, or a difference of 172,000 barrels per day. Such tremendous swings create a whole array of problems that are com-

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IRAN

Going further afield for a moment, you may be interested in the competitive aspects of Iran's return to activity; Iran with its very productive fields and its great Abadan refinery -- which up to the expropriation in 1951 was the only refinery in the world bigger than Lago. While the flood of oil coming again from Iran isn't to be brushed off as competition, on the credit side is the increasing use of oil it is estimated that world-wide consumption will continue rising, at least for the next few years, at about five per cent per year.

As you undoubtedly know, the Iranian government last year made an agreement with a "Consortium," a group of eight oil companies to operate the fields and the refinery. In the group are Dutch, British, French, and American companies, including our own parent company.

This group has guranteed to the Iranian government that the total amount of oil exported from the country, delivered to the refinery, and delivered to a government-owned company will be not less than 300,000 barrels per day the first year, 490,000 barrels per day the second year, and 600,000 barrels per day the third year. After that the amount will be set by the actual supply-and-demand trend for Middle East oil. The group has also agreed to strive for refinery runs of 130,000 barrels per day the first year, 205,000 the second year, and 260,000 the third year.

THE FUTURE

These, then, are just a few of the sobering problems we face today, perhaps magnified somewhat since the last time we met. For all their weight, for all their challenge we see Lago continuing -- maybe not so large a part of the world oil business as it has been in the last ten years, because that business is growing and we are not -- but still to be reckoned with.

The world is such these days that no prediction is safe on much of anything except that the sun will rise again tomorrow. Bearing that in mind I may say that if we can stay on an even keel, we have strong hopes of maintaining operations at somewhere near the present average level at least through 1960.

Our problems are not insurmountable... but they will demand all the strength of our parent company, and all the skills and loyalty of our Lago management and our Lago employees to work them out.

NEWS OF LAGO **LAGO DEEPENS HARBOR**

Thirty years ago an oil-shipping terminal was opened in a quiet, protected blue lagoon outside the village of San Nicolas. A deeper channel was cut through to the sea and two small tankers busied themselves with hauling crude oil from Lake Maracaibo to Aruba for transshipment. The tiny harbor, dead since phosphate shipments stopped in 1909, had come back to life and was destined to grow great.

Today, this same port known to worldwide travellers of the sea as San Nicolas Harbor has come to rank as one of the world's largest ports both in number of vessels calling here and cargo tonnage handled.

During 1954 a total of 3762 ships called at San Nicolas Harbor. They came in under flags of 29 different nations including one from Switzerland. Late last month one of San Nicolas Harbor's visitors flew the flag of Nationalist China. The ships that went in and out of the harbor last year represented a gross tonnage of over 30 million tons. They handled 307,762,128 barrels of crude and finished products.

Lago's harbor is a key point in the operation of the refinery. Raw materials and finished products of Lago's business must pass through San Nicolas Harbor - there is no other way. The sea is Lago's only avenue of

transportation. The harbor's beginning in 1925 was that of a terminal for transshipment of crude to refining centers of the world. Two years later construction of the refinery began.

San Nicolas Harbor kept pace with the refinery. As the refinery grew, so did the harbor. From a small port with a single pier and one entrance, it has grown to be a giant in the world's great harbors boasting 19 berths and two entrances. The West Entrance was cut through to the sea in 1937.

To keep its facilities abreast of current transportation trends as well as refinery development, the port is currently being dredged so that the world's largest tankers can negotiate San Nicolas Harbor. On Nov. 12, 1954, a dredge of the Royal Netherlands Harbor Works began the bottom-scraping job that will increase the port's depth to 40 feet. With this depth Lago Harbor will be accessible to the plus-37-foot draft ships the size of the "Tina Onassis" with a capacity of 375,000 barrels.

Grinding into the coral bottom of the harbor day after day is the dredge "Curacao". The 800-ton unit is anchored both port and starboard in positions determined by shore bearings. Forward of the dredge extends a headline. These three lines con-



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trol the movement of the dredge. Contrary to some thought a dredge does not dig in one place. It sweeps from side to side and moves forward at the rate of about two and one-half to three feet at a time. The lines from the dredge are attached to tremendous winches. When the starboard winch takes up, the port slacks allowing a swing to the right. The reverse follows giving an even pattern to the scraping of the ocean's floor.

But while the motion of the dredge on the surface is an all-important factor, it is the action underneath that concerns Superintendent Jan Hofman and his complement of 50 workers. This work is being done by mammoth buckets - 44 of them - attached to a belt that sends them on a continuous journey into the harbor floor. Each bucket weighs about one ton and can hold nearly a cubic yard of spoil. Made of steel, they have manganese steel lips capable of standing up under the constant scraping against

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coral formations. The scraping, digging motion is forward in keeping with the forward direction of the dredge.

The belt and buckets move through a six foot slit that cuts from the bow to amidships—half of the 'Curacao's' 150-foot length. The 28-foot beam of the dredge resembles the upper half of an 'H'. Again, through the use of steam winches & cables attached to either side of the tremendous ladder, the depth to which the buckets dig is controlled. Throughout the sweeping side-to-side motion and forward movement, the ladder never varies, giving the exact depth needed in the dredged area.

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This "endless chain" and 44 buckets are the main implements in moving the proposed 500,000 cubic yards of spoil - made up primarily of loose coral and sand - that will make San Nicolas Harbor suitable for the world's largest tankers.

The spoil is moved by barge. Tied alongside the dredge, an arm of the chute sends the spoil splattering into the open vessel. Capable of carrying 350 cubic yards, the loaded barge is towed to a point about one mile beyond the West Entrance. Here the bottom is pulled out from under the load which drops to its new resting place hundreds of feet below the surface.

When the job is completed, the largest tankers afloat will be able to negotiate San Nicolas Harbor fully loaded. In addition to the ever-familiar tanker, San Nicolas Harbor will always remain a port-of-call of freighters, warships, whalers, catchers and trawlers and a haven for the tiny sailing ships beating their way around the world.

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HINTS ON PHOTOGRAPHY

By: A. M. De L'Isle
(Graduate of the American
School of Photography)

The Flash

One of the most important developments in photography is the modern flashbulb. The flashbulb of today permits the photographer to carry his own lighting with him and it therefore opens up almost unlimited picture possibilities.

The flashbulb is essentially the same as an ordinary light bulb except that it is filled with oxygen, and around the filament is an accurately measured quantity of aluminum foil. When the current passes through the lamp the filament ignites and the aluminum foil burns instantly in the oxygen. The aluminum burns so quickly that it emits an exceedingly short and intense flash of light; and this is what is known as FLASH.

There are different types of flashbulbs, and each has its specific use. For close-up work or portraits you can use the small mid-get type, and for outdoor, wide-coverage or sport pictures you can use the larger type.

The simplest way to use flash is by open flash. All you do is set the camera on a tripod and set the shutter on B or T, have your subject ready, open the shutter, flash the bulb and close the shutter. That is all you need to do and your picture is ready, just as simple as that. It is good to note that the exposure is determined by the flash and the film is exposed only as long as the bulb is burning,

which is about 1/50 to 1/100, depending on the type of bulb. This exposure is fast enough for most ordinary shots and interior pictures but inadequate for moving objects where short exposures are needed to stop action. To take action shots we need a device that will open the shutter at the exact instant the bulb is burning at its brightest and close it after the exposure is made. Such a device is called a flash synchronizer. There are many types of synchronizers, but the most popular is the built-in type used on all amateur cameras having between the lens shutter.

Taking a picture with synchronized flash is just the opposite of the open flash system. With synchronized flash you can set the shutter at any desired speed and the use of a tripod is not necessary because the camera could be held in the hand with short exposures.

Determining exposure with synchronized flash

It is impossible to use an exposure meter with flashbulbs, the only practical method is exposure tables. These tables give a guide number of each bulb for the film and shutter speed used.

Guide numbers for G. E. flashbulbs are as follow:
(Only a few popular bulbs are listed because it will be impossible to list all the different bulbs. Besides, each manufacturer has its own table for their products. When you buy a flashbulb see that the guide number is included on the package).

		Film speed (Westen rating)		
G. E. flashbulb	Shutter speed	16	32	64
SM	up to 1/100	70	100	140
	1/200	55	80	110
No-5	up to 1/50	135	190	270
	1/100	115	160	225
	1/200	95	135	190
No-11	1/400	65	90	130
	up to 1/50	150	210	295
	1/100	125	180	255
	1/200	105	150	210
No-22	1/400	75	105	150
	up to 1/50	220	310	440
	1/100	190	270	380
	1/200	155	220	310
	1/400	110	155	220

How to use the above table.

Let us say your camera is loaded with Plus-X film, your subject is 17 feet from the lamp, you have a No-5 bulb, and you want to shoot at 1/200 to stop action. Now you want to know the f/number. First, find the rating of your film (Plus-X is 32), now look at the table and you will find 135 as your guide number. Now divide this guide number by the distance and you have your f/number: viz: 135 divide by 17 is 8, thus your exposure for this picture is 1/200 at f/8.

If you work constantly with the same flashbulb and one regular film, you should be able to memorize the guide number and determine the f/number without referring to tables.
(This article is to be continued next week).

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A LAGO HEIGHTS GIRLS' SOFTBALL COMPETITION is to start shortly at the Lago Heights Field. All interested captains and managers are asked to attend a meeting at the Lago Heights Activities Building on Wednesday night, March 23rd.

For further information contact Mr. B. Viapree - Phone 2326.

H.R.H. PRINCESS BEATRIX eldest daughter of H.M. Queen Juliana, had an operation for appendicitis this week. Medical reports state that she is recovering well.

TOP NEWS in Britain early this week was that the romance between Princess Margaret and the 40-year old R.A.F. captain Peter Townsend was still strong, and that Margaret would soon decide on whether to give up her position as Britain's Princess or give up Townsend. Townsend is divorced and has two children by his former wife. Margaret will be 25 in August, at which time she can marry without her sister, the Queen's, consent. It is now being said in England that the recent Caribbean tour was to give her time to come to a decision.

IN BRITISH GUIANA last week a man went to a bank to withdraw some money to bury his father who had just died.

While waiting to be attended, the man collapsed and died. Father and son were buried the same afternoon.

IN A RECENT MEETING of the Island Council the A.V.P. faction requested an investigation into the possibility of granting a wage increase to Government employees, since Lago had granted a wage increase. Dr. Kwartzs, Chairman of the Council, told the members that he had received a letter from the Lago, advising that the raise was not granted because of the cost of living, which as from November 1954 showed a slight decrease.

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Few seats still available on the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not the responsibility of the Editor.

NOT CONNECTED

Dear Sir:

I shall appreciate very much if you could publish the following for me and oblige.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a petition being circulated for signatures to request a referendum to recall Messrs. S. E. Howard and G. E. S. Straughn, incumbent non-national members of the L.E.C.

I want to make it clear and state most emphatically that I do not know who is the originator of this petition, and that I am in no way connected or associated directly or indirectly with its origin and circulation.

B. K. CHAND.

MOTHERS—A NEW BOOKLET FOR YOUR DAUGHTERS—GRATIS

MOTHER . . . are you puzzled about how to tell that daughter of yours "certain" facts she needs to know? You will be glad to know about a book for adolescent girls which is now available. Its title—"Very Personally Yours."

"Very Personally Yours" will help your daughter acquire a healthy, normal attitude toward growing into womanhood. Its dignity and charm, its simple, straightforward presentation of accurate facts, have won acclaim from educators, nurses, parents and church groups alike.

The booklet can be obtained without charge from the people who make KOTEX Sanitary Napkins. Write today for your copy of "Very Personally Yours," to Miss Harriet Johnson.

Room 906, Dept. 8, 919 No. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois, U.S.A.

NUTSHELL NEWS

A PLAN is presently under consideration to build a home for old people. It is desired to accommodate 40 women, 25 men and a few old couples. Representatives from a number of social organizations on the island met together to discuss the matter. It is estimated that the cost will be about Fls. 250,000.

For Sale

Beautiful singing birds, bird Cages, and all kinds of lovely plants - Cheap! Apply: Trompstraat 9 San Nicolas.

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1952 Plymouth 2-Door Belvedere in splendid condition! For information see E. Reeberg, Club Surinam, Phone 5059.

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One radio with Record Changer, a Bendix Washing Machine, Floor-lamps, Boy's Bike, Patio Furnitures, Cornices. Lago Bung. 242, Phone 3329.

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1948 Dodge, Fluid Drive, Apply: Lago Col. Bung. 192, Phone 2307.

★

1954 STUDEBAKER in A-1 Condition, Fls. 2900. Real Bargain. Cash or Easy Terms. Phone 2119 Cejanovich.

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Diningroom Set (Chrome) - Livingroomset - Frig. Gas Stove - Bedroom set. 1951 Land Cruiser Automatic Studebaker with overdrive with Philips 5 band- heater-leather up holstery- just like a new car. Excellent Bargain. Apply: Crijnssenstraat, No. 4, San Nicolas

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Gas Fridge and Grundig Radio pickup both in very good condition but selling very cheap. Apply J.M. 83A Mrs. Louison.

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A wooden bass-flute mark Mollenhauer: solist supply with five claps.

A movie titler for any 8 or 16 mm. camera, complete with 2 reflectors, ground and clear glass title boards, adjustable copying lens, socket and cord.

A movie screen, size 40" x 60" (inches) packed in a wooden case. Apply to: Bernhardstraat 237, San Nicolas.

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7-Room House with Porch, Going Cheap. Cash or Terms. Contact: J. M. No. 56.

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1949 Pontiac - Only Fls. 1500. Contact: Tromp - Lago Heights 748 or Phone 2764.

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Chicken Houses, Piano and Other Household Furniture. Apply at J. M. No. 59.

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1954 Chevrolet 4-Door Sedan with Radio. Contact: De Abreu - Lago-ville 108.

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Electrolux Kerosene Fridge and Other Household Effects. Contact: J. M. 56 or Phone 2035.

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Piano in excellent condition. Recently Tuned. Contact: E. BACCHUS - No. 2 Ceintuurbaan (near Lago Sport Park).

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THE LOCAL

Lago Club Activities

MARCH 1955

SATURDAY 12TH. 1:30 PM.

LAWLESS COWBOYS.

w. Whip Wilson. ALL AGES.

8:00 PM. LUCKY NIGHT

MOVIE. FRENCH LINE.

(TECHNICOLOR). w. Jane

Russel & Gilbert Roland.

18 YEARS UP.

LAWN TENNIS

PRESENTATION.

(RAGHUNATH CUP).

SUNDAY 13TH. 1:30 PM.

COLORADO SUNDOWN.

w. Rex Allen & Mary Ellen

Kay. ALL AGES.

5:45 NO MATINEE.

8:00 PM. A famous Cuban

Dancer "ZAIDA", Goddess of

Fire with the Conjunto

"Estrellas Lucky Strike" and

the world's only Miss PAMELA

OLLIVER, Queen of the

Bicycle will entertain you in

the Lago Club Auditorium.

Admission Fls: 1.50 per person.

18 YEARS UP.

DON'T MISS THE SHOW!

MONDAY 14TH. 8:00 PM.

THE LOST VOLCANO.

w. Johnny Sheffield & Donald

Woods. ALL AGES.

TUESDAY 15TH. 8:00 PM.

STRANGER ON THE PROWL.

w. Paul Muni & Joan Larring.

18 YEARS UP.

WEDNESDAY 16TH. 8:00 PM.

PERSONAL AFFAIR. w. Gene

Tierney & Leo Genn.

18 YEARS UP.

THURSDAY 17TH. 7:00 PM.

SQUARE DANCE on Patio.

8:00 PM. OVERLAND

PACIFIC. w. Jack Mahoney &

Peggie Castle. 18 YEARS UP.

FRIDAY 18TH. 7:00 PM.

CHESS GAME on the Patio.

8:00 PM. TARGET HONG

KONG. w. Nancy Gates &

Richard Denning. 18 YEARS

UP.

SATURDAY 19TH. 1:30 PM.

BOWERY BATALLION.

w. Leo Gorcey & Huntz Hall.

ALL AGES.

8:00 PM. FORBIDDEN.

w. Tony Curtis & Joanne Dru.

18 YEARS UP.

SUNDAY 20TH. 1:30 PM.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND.

(TECHNICOLOR). w. Walt

Disney Feature. ALL AGES.

5:45 PM. ALICE IN

WONDERLAND.

(TECHNICOLOR). w. Walt

Disney Feature. ALL AGES.

8:00 PM. LUCKY NIGHT

MOVIE. EAST OF SUMATRA.

(TECHNICOLOR) w. Marilyn

Maxwell & Jeff Chandler.

18 YEARS UP.

COMING EVENTS:

MARCH 27TH. 10:30 A.M.

ALL-FOURS COMPETITION.

MARCH 30TH.

ANNUAL GIRLS' SOFTBALL

COMPETITION STARTS.

THANKS

Through this medium I wish to express my sincere thanks--though a little late--to the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of the Lago Hospital, and especially to Nurse Ogilvie, for their great care and attention during my recent illness.

ALAN JARVIS

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500 FREE SEATS

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To Help All To Better Understand The Questions Of This Crisis Hour

FIRST GREAT MEETING

SUN., MARCH 20, 7:15 P.M.

SUBJECT

"CHRIST FOR THE CRISIS HOUR"

LOCATION

NEW ADVENTIST CHURCH, ESSOVILLE

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED